

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Orbiters transfer locales to prep for revised launch dates



2 Shuttle crews at KSC back to back for familiarization activities

▲ **The orbiter Columbia** was moved Feb. 10 from OPF bay 3 to the Vehicle Assembly Building, high bay 2, where it will be stored until mid-April. Then it will transfer to OPF bay 1 to complete STS-93 orbiter preparations. The Shuttle **Discovery** will then transfer to the VAB where it will be prepared for launch of **STS-96** on **May 20** (not the 30th as previously reported).

▲ **Shuttle crews were at KSC** this week back to back. Looking over the Chandra X-ray Observatory was the **STS-93 crew**: Commander Eileen Collins, Pilot Jeffrey Ashby, and Mission Specialists Steven Hawley, Catherine Coleman and Michel Tognini of France. The observatory is the primary payload for mission STS-93. Scheduled to arrive today, Feb. 11, is the **STS-96 crew**: Commander Kent Rominger, Pilot Rick Husband, and Mission Specialists Ellen Ochoa, Tamara Jernigan, Dan Barry, Julie Payette and Yuri Malenchenko of Russia. They are visiting for a payload Interface Verification Test for their mission to the International Space Station.

◆ **Help** is still needed for the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) regional robotic competition being held at the KSC Visitor Complex March 4-6. Volunteers will work in such areas as the pit and playing field, as well as serve as escorts. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Pat Caroleo at 867-2622.

◆ The Black Employees Strategy Team **African-American Breakfast** is being held at the Apollo Saturn V Center at 8 a.m., Thursday, **Feb. 18**. **Tickets** are \$8 per person, **on sale through Friday, Feb. 12**. Call Carol Davis, 7-3190; Alice Smith, 7-2963; Janice Everett, 7-4127; or Wanda Petty, 7-2307, for tickets.

◆ **Holiday Cafeteria Schedule** -- On President's Day, Monday, Feb. 15, the HQ and O&C cafeterias will be closed. CIF, MFF and SSPF cafeterias will be open regular hours.

◆ **E-Mail Announcement** -- On Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13 - 14, the KSC kmail mailhub will be down in order to upgrade the mailhub and x500 directory software to Mail*Hub 98. **Downtime** is scheduled to begin on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 9 a.m. The system will be up on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m.

◆ **The National Space Club**, Florida Chapter, is hosting a special luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Double Tree Hotel in Cocoa Beach. The luncheon features keynote speaker Wolfgang Demisch. An aerospace financial analyst, Demisch has more than 20 years' experience as a senior analyst for aerospace, defense and high technology industrial companies. The one-hour event costs \$15.

◆ **Did You Know?** SGS Occupational Safety & Health reports, effective immediately, the primary telephone number is 853-7882 or 853-7883. The fax number is 476-3420.

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